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STAFFORD SPRINGS
Funeral of George Leonard—John Desmond Died Thursday Night.

The funeral of George Leonard was held at St. Edward's church Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Felix J. O'Neill officiated at the requiem mass and burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

John Desmond Died.
John Desmond died at his home on High street Thursday night. He was taken ill late in the afternoon and lived only a few hours. He has been a resident of Stafford Springs for the greater part of his life and was employed in various capacities in the local woolen mills until a few years ago, when he retired on account of failing health. He is survived by two sons, Timothy of Lincoln, Neb., and Gerald of Stafford Springs, and five daughters, Miss Mary of Lincoln, Neb., and the Misses Catherine, Julia, Nellie and Margaret of Stafford Springs. He also leaves two sisters, Miss Hanna Desmond and Mrs. Patrick J. Hanley, both of Stafford, and a brother, Timothy Desmond, of Philadelphia.

Grange to Work Degrees.
At the meeting of Stafford grange Tuesday evening there will be work in the first and second degrees.
Glee Club Dues Capacity House.
A crowded house greeted the Glee club of the Stafford high school Friday evening when it presented the pastoral opera Sylvia. The opera was under the direction of Miss Mary Morse, supervisor of music in the local public schools.

Five Teams Still in Race.
Chicago, Feb. 16.—Charles Piercecy of Australia and Tom Smith of Newark, N. J., riding in the six day bicycle race at the Smith-Park team, dropped out of the contest late today. The nine teams remaining in the race had gone 1,774 miles and 4 laps at the end of the 118th hour. Frank Corry of the Corry-Magnum team, was leading.

Elfr Freshman Beat Harvard.
Boston, Feb. 16.—The Yale freshman hockey team defeated the Harvard freshmen by a score of 8 to 1 here tonight. The single score for Harvard was made when Ingalls of Yale knocked the puck into his own goal.

Columbia Trims Cornell Five.
New York, Feb. 16.—Columbia University basketball team defeated Cornell five 32 to 27, in an intercollegiate game here tonight.

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INTERNATIONAL ADOPTS SCHEDULE

Season Will Consist of 112 Games and Open April 17—
League Takes No Action in Regard to Players' Fraternity
Question of Suspending Play in Case of War to be Decided Later.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 16.—All the international league baseball clubs were represented at the scheduled meeting here today. The league playing schedule for 1917 was adopted but it will not be made public until February 24. The pennant season will consist of 112 games opening April 17 with the clubs playing as follows:

Buffalo at Newark, Montreal at Providence, Toronto at Baltimore and Rochester at Richmond.

The inter-league schedule for the forty-eight game series between the international league and American Association clubs was approved, but it will have to be ratified and adopted at a meeting of the American Association to be held at Kansas City, February 24.

The presidents of the Buffalo, Rochester, Toronto, Providence and the Richmond clubs will continue to be board of directors for the coming year.

While the Buffalo and Providence clubs are on the market for a purchaser, President Lamm will run the Buffalo team for another year, but there may be a change of ownership in the Providence franchise. In that city President Draper has obtained a new five year lease of the ball park, but he may dispose of his interests in the club before the season opens. Today he sold his player-manager, Dave Shoen, to the Cincinnati National League. Manager Christy Mathewson closed the deal here today and said Shoen would cover second base for the "Reds" while Shoen will play shortstop.

President Barrow said the league took no action in reference to the Baseball Players' Fraternity, but added that this was a matter of which the officials of the National Association would take charge. He also said that in case of the United States becoming involved in war, the understanding was that all the minor leagues would open the season as usual and the question of suspending play would be decided later.

TWO SPORTS RULE
ABOLISHED AT PRINCETON
Student Can Participate in Any Number of Sports.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 16.—The "two sports rule" of Princeton university has been abolished. It was announced today and a new ruling substituted which allows a student to participate in any number of sports during any two seasons of the college year. The university water polo team has already been strengthened as a result of the new ruling.

WEEGHMAN LAYS DOWN
THE LAW TO PLAYERS
Every Man to Sign Contract Before Going South.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Announcement that Cy Williams, outfielder with the

Chicago Nationals, has signed a 1917 contract was made by President Weeghman today.

Mr. Weeghman also announced that each member of the club will be obliged to sign a contract before he will be taken to the training camp at Pasadena, Calif., next Tuesday.

Players who do not come to terms at that time, he said, will be dropped from the club.

Weeghman said he had been informed by an official of the Baseball Players' Fraternity that David L. Fulton, president of the fraternity, is to retire.

Alexander Still Unsatisfied.
Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—President W. F. Baker of the Philadelphia National League club, and Grover C. Alexander, star pitcher of the team, met today and discussed terms for the coming season. No agreement was reached and the two will confer again next Tuesday.

Mr. Alexander wants a three year contract at \$15,000 a year. The club has offered him \$7,000 a year with a bonus of \$1,000 for winning twenty-five games but may slightly raise its proposition.

Confrey Signs Contract.
Chicago, Feb. 16.—Fred Mitchell, the manager of the Chicago Nationals, announced on his return from New York

today that he had signed Barney Conifrey as third baseman of New York Nationals.

PALACE LEAGUE.
Team No. 8.
Murphy 100 97 102-300
Peters 76 92 88-256
Ward 80 76 79-236
Bolton 92 82 78-233
Bowne 92 86 87-284
440 432 436 1308

Team No. 6.
Woodmansee 83 94 94-271
Healy 83 86 85-254
Sault 82 80 102-317
Bolton 87 84 91-282
Griswold 93 85 96-282
441 431 465 1340

AETNA BOWLING ALLEYS.
One's Team.
Carson 87 96 102-286
Gordon 80 80 80-240
Oney 96 80 90-266
263 256 273 792

Pardy's Team.
Wunderlick 77 91 88-256
Spaulding 80 88 88-240
Pardy 82 95 106-289
245 256 274 795

Bibeault's Team.
Saboourin 84 78 82-244
Burdick 90 106 90-286
Bibeault 82 112 80-274
256 256 252 804

Peckham's Team.
Hiebel 83 88 88-259
Hiebel 90 82 82-240
Peckham 73 92 78-241
257 277 257 771

EASTERN LEAGUE MAY BE SUE BY CREDITORS.
Baseball Officials of Puritan States Circuit May Be Haled Into Court to Answer Bill in Equity.

The Eastern league may be haled into court within a few days to answer a bill in equity on behalf of creditors of Joseph P. Sullivan, who operated the Lawrence baseball franchise up to Aug. 1 last summer. Attorney John C. Toomey is counsel for certain creditors who have demanded a show-down, and Attorney Toomey says he is planning the above move.

The principal item in the account for repair work done on the fence and grandstand just before the opening of the season when Jack O'Hara came here as manager in August, Attorney Toomey made an attempt to collect the bill from him, but the attorney claims Mr. O'Hara informed him he had a clear bill of sale and was therefore not responsible for any debts contracted previous to his coming.

Attorney Toomey further claims he has a letter from President Daniel O'Neil of the Eastern league stating that the club had been sold. Later it developed that the franchise was not sold, but was being run by the league.

COTTON.
New York, Feb. 16.—Cotton futures closed steady. March 1580; May 1594; July 1601; October 1590; December 1574.

SPOT STEEL; MIDDLING 1555.
New York, Feb. 16.—Call money steady; high 1-1/2; low 2-1/4; ruling 2-1/4; last 2-1/4; closing 2-1/4; offered at 2-1/2.

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